



## Work Registrants

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### **What is a Work Registrant?**

Some people must work or participate in work related activities to be eligible for Basic Food. These people are called Work Registrants<sup>1</sup>.

If you receive Basic Food, we consider you a Work Registrant if you are:

1. Age sixteen through fifty-nine with dependents;
2. Age sixteen or seventeen, not attending secondary school and not the head-of-household;
3. Age fifty through fifty-nine with no dependents; or
4. Age eighteen through forty-nine, able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD)<sup>2</sup>.

### **Do I Have to Register for Work?**

You are not a Work Registrant if you receive Basic Food, and meet any of the following conditions:

1. You are age sixteen or seventeen, not the head of household, and:
  - (a) Attend school such as high school or high school equivalency programs; or
  - (b) Are enrolled at least half time (using the institutions definition) in an employment and training program under:
    - i. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA);
    - ii. (ii) Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974; or
    - iii. (iii) Another state or local employment and training program.
2. You are a student age eighteen or older enrolled at least half time as defined by the institution in:
  - (a) Any accredited school;
  - (b) A training program; or
  - (c) Enrolled in institution of higher education, meeting certain requirements<sup>3</sup>;
3. You are employed or self-employed working thirty hours or more per week, or receive weekly earnings equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by thirty;
4. You are complying with the work requirements of an employment and training program under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);



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<sup>1</sup> WAC [388-444-0005](#)

<sup>2</sup> WAC [388-444-0030](#)

<sup>3</sup> WAC [388-482-0005](#)



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5. You receive unemployment compensation (UC) benefits or have an application pending for UC benefits;
6. You are responsible to care for:
  - (a) A dependent child under age six; or
  - (b) Someone who is incapacitated.
7. We determine that you are physically or mentally unable to work; or
8. You regularly participate in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program.